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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 1 and 24, and add new claims 30-34 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A torsion resistant scleral-tensioning stent for positioning in a tunnel formed intrasclerally in a globe of an eye, comprising

a generally t-shaped body as seen in the intersection arms and having a cross portion with a bottom surface and a leg portion extending substantially perpendicularly from a side surface of said cross portion,

said leg portion having a bottom surface with an arcuate portion and a substantially planar portion at an end of said leg portion distal from said cross portion,

wherein said arcuate portion has a ~~curvature greater than a~~ radius of curvature from about 8 to about 9 mm of the globe in the area of the tunnel, and

wherein said bottom surface of said cross portion is dimensioned to be disposed external to said tunnel for resisting torsional forces on said leg portion.

2. (Original) The stent of Claim 1 wherein said cross portion extends beyond said tunnel.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The stent of Claim 1 wherein is said stent is out-gassing free